

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ellen R. Smith (Reg. No. 43,042) on 06/13/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

For claim 1:

1. **(Currently-Amended):** A tape carrier for TAB, comprising:

a carrying support film; and

individual pieces of flexible wiring boards, each of which includes an electrically insulating base layer made of a resin film and an electric conductor layer made of a metal foil having a predetermined wiring circuit pattern,

wherein said flexible wiring boards are mounted at regular intervals on mounting portions of said carrying support film, respectively, wherein an interior area defined by an outer perimeter of each of the mounting portions, respectively, has no holes formed therein, and

wherein an entire surface of each of the flexible wiring boards and an entire surface of each of the mounting portions of the carrying support film are bonded to each

other through an adhesive agent, wherein the carrying support film is formed as a flat planar surface, including the mounting portion thereof.

Claims 4, 9-12, and 18, line 1, change "A tape carrier" to - - The tape carrier - -.

19. **(canceled).**

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1, 4, 9-12, and 18 are allowed (renumber claims are 1-7).

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Neither the references cited nor the cited references teach, suggest, or in combination of a tape carrier having an entire surface of each of the flexible wiring boards and an entire surface of each of the mounting portions of the carrying support film are bonded to each other through an adhesive agent, wherein the carrying support film is formed as a flat planar surface, including the mounting portion thereof.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan T. Dinh whose telephone number is 571-272-1929. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Reichard Dean can be reached on 571-272-1984. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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